

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows.

Following the Title of the application, please insert the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a Continuation of application Serial No. 10/189,595, filed 7/8/02 which is a Continuation of application Serial No. 09/717,449, filed 11/20/00, which are included herein in their entirety by reference. This application and application Serial Nos. 10/189,595 and 09/717,449 claim benefit of 60/166,504, filed 11/19/99, 60/184,512, filed 02/24/00, 60/185,779, filed 02/29/00, 60/211,865, filed 06/14/00, 60/212,977, filed 06/21/00, 60/224,654, filed 08/11/00, and 60/228,434, filed 08/28/00, which are all included herein in their entirety by reference.

Please amend the paragraph from page 19, lines 18 through 19, as follows:

FIGS. 62a-62g 62A-62D disclose various views of another embodiment of an easy opening pouch.

Please add the following paragraphs on page 19, between lines 19 and 20:

FIGS. 62E-62F illustrate an embodiment similar to that in FIGS. 62A-62D, with flap sealing adhesive in a different location.

FIGS. 62G-62I illustrate an embodiment similar to those in FIGS. 62A-62F with a front film having a flap sealing layer on the entire front surface.

FIG. 62J illustrates an embodiment similar to those in FIGS. 62A-62I with the flap being corner folded.

Please amend the paragraph from page 19, lines 22 through 24, as follows:

FIG. 64A is a top plan view of a peelable adhesive spot on the front face or wall of a pouch with a laser score line partially encircling a portion of the ~~adhesive~~ adhesive spot.

Please amend the paragraph on page 20, line 1, as follows:

FIG. 65B is a side view of ~~he~~ the pouch shown in FIG. 65A.

Please amend the paragraph from page 45, line 14, through page 46, line 1, as follows:

Another alternative embodiment is described in Figures 62a through 62g. This embodiment relates to an easy opening rectangular pouch 2500 or other shape or form of packaging wherein a hole 2502 is created in one wall ~~or surface of film~~ of film 2504 of the pouch etc. ~~which~~ In the embodiment shown in Figure 62a, the hole 2502 is at least encircled with a peelable adhesive 2506. The opposite wall of film 2508, ~~which~~ is sealed to the side of film 2504 away from the adhesive 2506, ~~which at least encircles the hole~~ (aperture) 2502 (i.e., the side of the film 2504 on the inside or interior of the pouch) on all its edges to form edge seals 2509 to create a containment pouch. The containment pouch is then folded over to create a flap 2510 over the adhesive encircled hole 2502. The same surface of the wall of film 2504 that forms the inside of the flap 2510 with the hole 2502 in it (i.e., the surface of the film 2504 on the outside or exterior of the pouch) is then sealed to by the peelable adhesive 2506 on to its own surface. This surface is preferably heat sealed together but a contact or pressure adhesive

may be used to eliminate the need for heat. The pouch 2500 may then be opened by lifting the flap 2510 which peels away from the surface of the wall 2504 containing the outlet hole 2502 to allow the outlet hole to be exposed to the outside. It is understood that the adhesive 2506 may be applied just around the hole 2502 and/or on the surface below the hole 2502 which the area around the hole 2502 touches when bent over or for convenience in manufacturing, the entire surface of the side of the pouch 2500 may be adhesive coated. An example of the alternative of having the adhesive 2506 on the surface below the hole 2502 which the area around the hole 2502 touches when bent over is illustrated in Figures 62e and 62f. An example of the alternative of having an adhesive layer on the entire surface of the side of the pouch 2500 is shown in Figures 62g, 62h and 62i. As shown in Figures 62g, 62h and 62i, the wall of film 2504 has a first layer, a product-facing layer 2604, on the inside or interior of the pouch and a second layer, a flap sealing layer 2606, on the outside or exterior of the pouch. The flap is folded over and the flap sealing layer 2606 is sealed to itself at flap sealing area 2511. The flap 2510 can also be a corner folded over such as, for example, the embodiment illustrated in Figure 62g 62j.

Please amend the paragraph from page 46, lines 2 through 10, as follows:

The purpose of the seals ~~2600~~ 3000 shown in Figure 63 is to seal together the front and back walls of the pouch restricting the width of the flow channel of the low viscosity product. Not only is the channel width restricted but due to the nature of the films that form each wall, as the channel width is reduced the films ~~of that~~ form each wall will not expand to allow product to flow between

them without pressure. In other words a valving action may be produced wherein the product will not drip or spill out when no pressure is exerted on the body of the pouch; . That is, the user must squeeze the pouch for product flow. When the user does not ; no squeeze, there is no flow or drip. It will be realized that outlet hole diameters on the order of ~~.030~~ 0.030 inches may be required for low viscosity products.

Please amend the paragraph from page 46, lines 11 through 20, as follows:

~~An~~ Figures 64a and 64b illustrate an easy opening rectangular pouch or other shape or form of packaging 3500 which has a fault line 3501 created in one wall or face of the pouch which at least partially encircles a portion of an area of a wall 3504 coated with peelable adhesive 3506. The end portion of said pouch or a corner or like part of said pouch is then folded over as shown in Figure 65a to create a flap 3510 over the fault line partially encircled area of peelable adhesive. The surface of the wall 3504 that forms the inside of said flap 3510 is then sealed ~~to~~ by the peelable adhesive ~~at~~ to another location of its own surface at least within the confines of the area of adhesive encircled by the fault line. Either pressure sensitive or heat sealable adhesive may be used. The pouch may be opened by lifting the flap which tears out the fault line encircled adhesive together with the part of the wall it adhered to create an outlet aperture.

Please amend the paragraph from page 47, lines 1 through 13, as follows:

Modern technology has developed laser systems which can put score or fault lines in very thin films. FIG. 64A is a top plan view of a peelable adhesive spot on the front face or wall of a pouch with a laser score line partially encircling a portion of the adhesive spot. FIG. 64B is an enlarged view of the peelable adhesive spot shown in FIG. 64 with a full circle score line. FIG. 65A illustrates the pouch shown in FIG. 64 in a frontal elevation with a portion of its top folded over into a flap which brings the encircled adhesive spot into contact with another part of the front face. FIG. 65B is a side view of ~~he~~ the pouch shown in FIG. 65A. As shown in FIG. 65B, the pouch 3500 has a first wall or film 3504 with an inside surface 3504a and an outside surface 3504b and a second wall or film 3508 with an inside surface 3508a and an outside surface 3508b. As shown in FIG. 65B, the inside surface 3504a of first film 3504 is sealed to the inside surface 3508a of second film 3508 at edge seals 3509. To seal the flap 3510, the outside surface 3504b of the first film 3504 is sealed to its own surface at flap seal 3511. FIG. 65C is an enlarged view of the side view in FIG. 65B with encircled spot sealed to its own front face. As shown in FIGS. 65B and 65C, the sealing of the outside surface 3504b to itself at flap seal 3511 does not cause the inside surfaces 3504a and 3508a to seal together, as shown at unsealed areas 3512 and 3513. Similarly, as shown in Figure 62i, the sealing of the flap sealing layer 2606 to itself at flap sealing area 2511 does not cause the product-facing layer 2604 of the first film 2504 on the inside of the package to seal to the second film 2508 on the inside of the package, as shown at unsealed areas 2512 and 2513. FIG. 66

illustrates an adhesive spot with a tongue shaped score line. FIG. 67 illustrates the tongue shaped outlet created after the top of the pouch is folded over to create a flap and adhesive is sealed to another part of the front face after which the flap is then raised to open the pouch.